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Application Number	09/578,437
Filing Date	May 25, 2000
First Named Inventor	Jianhua Fan
Art Unit	3643
Examiner Name	Gellner, J
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated Dec. 27, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

In Claims

1. A self watering tray for a plant pot, comprising:
a plate, the plate having side walls and a bottom wall, the plate holding fluid; and
at least one support extends from the wall of the plate either side wall or bottom wall, or between the side and bottom wall (without hollow) for supporting